

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Padigaru, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/042,865 EXAMINER: Joseph F. Murphy
FILING DATE: January 9, 2002 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: PROTEINS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THEM AND METHODS
OF USING THE SAME

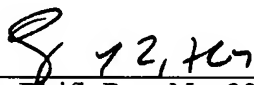
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, May 24, 2004 (May 22, 2004 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, 21402-237 (Cura 537). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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